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\$1 BILLION IN NEW FUNDING ALLOCATED TO UPGRADE STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Redding – The state’s vast transportation system has received a major infusion of cash, as the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$1 billion to repair local streets and state highways, improve public transit and alleviate traffic delays statewide.

“This funding helps preserve California’s great infrastructure and puts thousands of Californians to work building sustainable, new improvements,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “The investment in highway preservation and innovation is absolutely critical to California’s economy.”

The allocation of \$750 million in federal funds for Caltrans’ Local Assistance Program annually pays for more than 1,200 projects designed to improve local roads, bridges and public transit. In the months ahead, more than 600 city, county and regional transportation agencies will submit their projects to Caltrans for review and approval to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

The CTC also allocated nearly \$87 million to Caltrans to pay for the operating expenses for the Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquin intercity passenger rail services. These routes are two of the five busiest in the Amtrak system. Ridership on the three state-supported rail routes (which includes the Capitol Corridor) for federal fiscal year 2013 was a record 5.6 million. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, per passenger mile, travel by rail generates about half the carbon dioxide emission of an automobile trip.

The CTC closed out the allocations by approving \$170 million for 29 additional projects, including these notable projects:

Siskiyou County: \$25,000 was allocated for the Oregon Str. Rehabilitation Project in the city of Dorris. The project is designed to replace the area of roadway between First St. to Sly St. The existing pavement is failing and completion of this project will allow a smoother, safer ride.

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- \$28,000 was allocated for the Scott Street Rehabilitation Project in the City of Etna for roadway repair. This project will take place from State Route 3 to Collier Way.
- \$850,000 was allocated to the Gazelle Callahan Rehabilitation Project. This project will restore the existing roadway from post mile 16.7 to post mile 19.

Trinity County: \$417,000 dollars was allocated to the Hayfork Creek Bridge Project on Wildwood Road. The project calls for the replacement of the existing bridge and the installation of a new, two-lane bridge with safer road alignment.

For information about the 29 additional projects that received allocations today please see the attached file.

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